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**Sent:** Fri 6/21/2013 8:42:08 PM  
**Subject:** RE: FY 2013 UIC Class II Primacy Grant Allocation - balance

George,

Thanks for the clarification. We will wait for your further reply.

Jerry

**From:** Robin, George [mailto:Robin.George@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2013 1:37 PM  
**To:** Salera, Jerry@DOC  
**Cc:** Wermiel, Dan@DOC; Dermer, Michele; Albright, David; Roverso, Maria; Robin, George  
**Subject:** RE: FY 2013 UIC Class II Primacy Grant Allocation - balance

Hi Jerry,

I will have a reply to your query that is suitable for you all to pass on to your management, but it will not be today.

My reply will be based on the following issues that are part of your inquiry, but please let me know if this is not a complete list:

- The budgeted figure you cited - \$607,000 – is actually not a grant award amount, but rather a grant application amount. Lately, the last few years, the grant applications have been submitted at a higher amount than the previous year's awarded amount as well as including any other factors into that estimate, such as increased inventory, etc. With that being known, the state maintains a policy of avoiding a situation of having to deal with a grant application that is less than what the actual amount could be. You will also note that when the actual amounts have become known (and they were all less than requested), the state's budget was adjusted to match them so that the award could be made final.

- The grant application amount of \$607,000 does not match the amount of \$653,000 that was cited in the letter of March 6, 2013 from Jared Blumenfeld to Mark Nechodom.

- The \$491,000 is the official amount. This, I know is based upon an amount that is calculated by EPA's Headquarters. I am not completely, sufficiently sure of the specifics of that calculation, but can state that the annual calculation is not a simple formula to be applied. The amount of funding that is divided among the primacy states has not changed for over two decades, however the states' inventories are always changing, to name one factor. Additionally, the amount by which a state's allocation can change is limited (to approximately 10% if my memory is correct), which includes the effect of minimizing any drastic differences from one year to the next. There may be other factors which I need to learn about.

Have a good time off and we'll also talk when you return.

George

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**Subject:** RE: FY 2013 UIC Class II Primacy Grant Allocation - balance

Hi George,

Thank you for this recent communication on our grant budget.

The total FY13 grant award of \$491,000 represents a 19 % reduction of the original budgeted figure of \$607,000 in our grant award (attachment A,B). In Mr. Blumenfeld's letter on the sequestration impact (attachment C), an assumption was made for only a 5 % across the board reduction for FY13. Is the 19 % reduction the official figure and are there any reasons cited for this significant reduction? We would appreciate more information in this regard so we can inform our management accordingly and make the necessary adjustments to the UIC program's budget.

We have a new Accounting Manager in Ms. Judy Morita-Joe. She replaced Mr. Greg Lee who has retired. I believe we have informed Maria and you on this recent change (attachment D). As we have discussed on the phone, kindly email all communications regarding the UIC grant and other matters to my supervisor Dan Wermiel. I will be back in the office on July 15. Thank you.

Sincerely,

***Jerry Salera***

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**Subject:** FY 2013 UIC Class II Primacy Grant Allocation - balance

Hi Jerry,

This is to confirm from our phone conversation that the remaining balance of UIC Primacy Grant Fund Allocation for FY2013 is \$191,000.

The total allocation for this year is assigned a total of \$491,000 for the Ca. DOGGR Class II Primacy program. We already awarded \$300,000 late last year, leaving the current balance of \$191,000.

I am working on the award for the Final balance amount put together for you all. I understand that Dan Wermiel will be available to correspond with us in your absence until you return in July.

Please provide the contact information of others who we should know to contact regarding specific aspects of the DOGGR's UIC Grant Application (accounting, grant officers, etc.) as they might relate to possible adjustments to the Application to allow finalizing this upcoming funding action.

Sincerely,

George

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